

# QUESTION # 06

## ANSWER:

### INTRODUCTION:

Pakistan faces severe economic crisis in recent years. The economic meltdown in Pakistan is not new, instead it has progressed over many years. This is illustrated by almost 23 relief programs assisted by International Monetary Fund. The dwindling economy is due to various <sup>poor</sup> administrative, and governing policies, which puts a toll on the country's economy. However, improving economic institutions and financial structure of the country could diffuse the economic tensions and help the country to be self-sufficient. Moreover, strengthening capacity of population by education could flourish export based economy in the country.

# CAUSES OF ECONOMIC MELTDOWN:

## i. Debt Crisis:

Pakistan is facing severe debt pressure concerns in recent years. Interest-based debt payments such the major portion of annual budget, which leaves a little space for the country to invest on development project. The annual budget of 2024-25 demonstrates almost Rs 7-trillion on ~~but~~ debt payment out of total Rs 14tr. The major proportion of economy i.e 50% of income is invested on debt repayments.

## ii. Import based Economy:

Pakistan is majorly dependent on imports for energy resources. Despite a rich country in terms of agriculture and natural resources, the country faces low manufacturing capabilities. Recent floods of 2022 damaged agricultural capacity of the country, and thus pushed the country to import food items. Increase reliance on imports severely hampers economy of the country.

### iii, Fiscal Meyhem:

The country is harmed by fiscal imbalances. The expenses outclass the field of income. The total expenditure of the country is not comparable to the total income, for which it has to rely on external assistance. Thus, many balance of payment issues are related to economic meltdown of the country.

### iv, Poor Governance:

Lack of good governance in economic check and balance is another cause of looming economy. The rise of corruption in the country halt the progress and productivity in the country. Furthermore, outdated governing policies also damage the credibility of the country's economy.

### v, Artificial Maneuvering of Economy:

Pakistan has been severely criticized by altering economic field in the country. Maintaining currency value in the International market through artificial means severe halt economic progress of the country. The lack of free economy damage the merit and reliability of the country.

## vi. Hoarding of Money:

Currency devaluation results from hoarding of money in the country. The less flow of Dollars in the country decrease valuation of rupees in international market. Recent step taken by the country's Intelligence to crackdown against hoarding of money is a sign of fresh air for economy of Pakistan. Therefore, economic meltdown is the result of hoarding illegal money.

## vii. Eroded State Owned Enterprises:

Many State owned Enterprises (SOEs) are in worst condition. Instead of making money and participate in the income for the country, Pakistan invests on SOEs. Pakistan International Airlines has been recently finalized to ~~be~~ handover to private owners. Poor conditions of State owned Enterprises hampers economy of Pakistan.

### vii, Brain Drain:

Due to many qualified population of the country is emigrating from the country. The 'brain drain' creates ~~an~~ an economic vacuum in the country, that participates in the economic meltdown. According to BEOE (Bureau of Employment and Overseas employment) almost 40,000 qualified people left the country in early months of 2023. The severe economic crisis in Pakistan is due to lack of qualified human resource.

## MEASURES TO ADDRESS

### ECONOMIC ISSUES:

#### i, Improve Productivity:

Pakistan should focus on improving productivity in the economic field. This will help the country to transition to exports and little reliance on imports.

Furthermore, facilitating development and investment in the country will enhance economic progress. The creation of SIFC (Special Investment facilitation Council) recently will help the country to improve productivity by reducing stringent measures on investors. Increasing productivity

in the country will push the economy in the right direction.

### (ii) Check Illegal Transactions:

The country should improve banking system to check illegal transactions. Poor banking in the country pushes people to go for illegal transactions such as "Hawalla and Hundi." Furthermore, there should be check of money laundering and terror financing in the country. This will pave path for economic progress in Pakistan.

### (iii) Taxing Reforms:

In recent year 2023, Pakistan saw a good results in tax collection which was beyond the threshold. However, there are poor actions against tax evaders. The non-compliance of people to payment of tax puts great pressure on filers, who compensate for the loss. This disproportionate tax policies should be reformed and strict accountability should be taken against the criminals. The major taxing reforms will help the country in economic domain.

#### iv. Check Corruption:

The curse of corruption has crept in the country, which severely damage economy of Pakistan. Pakistan should focus on regulating corruption from every field. This will lead to good governance in economic dimension of Pakistan.

#### v. Vocational Training for Informal Employment:

Due to severe economic meltdown, many young people are devoid of economic opportunities. The country should prevail vocational skills and training to the qualified youth. This will help the informal economy of the country and decrease unemployment. The Experts suggests that the unemployment rate in Pakistan rose to 6pc in 2023. The integration of young in informal economy will lessen economic issues in the country.

# ECONOMIC MELTDOWN IN PAKISTAN

## CAUSES

- Debt Crisis
- Import based Economy
- Fiscal Meyhem
- Poor Governance
- Political maneuvering
- Hoarding of Money
- Eroded SOEs
- Brain Drain

## SOLUTIONS

- Improve Productivity
- Check Illegal transac
- Taxing Reforms
- Check Corruption
- Vocational Training
- Privatization of sec

## CONCLUSION:

The economic meltdown in the country is due to many institutional and governing mismanagement, due to which Pakistan always look for temporary relief. However, addressing the core issues and structural reforms can improve economy and provide long-term relief. There has been a progressive results in economic fields as illustrated by increase taxes, after thorough analysis and steps taken for reforms.



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# QUESTION # 05

## INTRODUCTION:

The population in Pakistan is growing at tremendous rate. Recent Census in 2023 shows the growth rate of 2.5pc and population of almost 241 million. The population of the country is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> largest population in the world. There has been very less focus on regulating population of the country. Lack of family planning, uneducation causes barriers for population explosion in the country. This affects social as well as economic domains of the country. However, easy contraceptive measures and public education about grave consequences of population explosion can counter this challenge.

## CAUSES OF POPULATION GROWTH IN PAKISTAN:

### i. Poor Family Planning:

Pakistani population invests less on family planning and contraceptive measures. This is illustrated by Total fertility rate of 3.5 births instead of 2.1 births standardized internationally. Lack of proper family planning and birth gap in the country accounts for population growth.

### ii. Uneducation:

The general masses are ~~as~~ unaware about negative consequences of population explosion. Furthermore, uneducation in females which accounts 49pc of Pakistani population results into unchecked population growth. Sindh government recently stated that more than 50pc of women in province donot know how to write and read. Thus, uneducation has direct impact on population growth of Pakistan.

### iii. Religious Concerns:

Pakistan is a Muslim state. Many religious ~~be~~ clerics believe that population check is repugnant to the injunctions of Islam. Due to which, many people avoid contraception and family planning leading to huge population bulk of the country.

### iv. Gender Issues:

Male preference over female child has continued throughout Pakistani history. People believe male child as a provider and facilitator in economic domain. Thus, many Pakistani families prefer male child over female, resulting in more children.

### v. Poor State Intervention:

Government of Pakistan has recurrently failed to address population concerns. Many believe State has limited role in Private life of individuals and thus accounting for minimal state intervention. Furthermore, NFC Award for provinces, which gives huge importance to population also prevent representative to check population.

## SOCIAL EFFECTS OF POPULATION GROWTH:

### i. Climate Issues:

Increase population in the country leads to increase pollution. Many unwanted human activities accounts to air, water and land pollution. This is the reason, Pakistan is severely affected by recurrent natural disasters and climate issues.

### ii. Water Crisis:

Population growth in Pakistan increases need of water. Low water reserves in the country and conflict with neighbouring countries over water issues amplify water problems in the country. Most of the population is devoid of clean water and thus affects social structure of the country.

### iii. Gender Disparity:

The disproportionate growth of population in the country create gender polarity. The gender gap is seen in many fields of Pakistan such as labour force, politics, economy, health, education and social services.

## ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF POPULATION GROWTH

### i. Unemployment:

Population explosion in the country accounts less economic opportunities for Pakistani people.

Population growth effects employment rate as illustrated by increase in unemployment rate of 6pc in 2023. Thus, population increase effects economic field of the country.

### ii. Poverty:

Huge population in the country pushes people below the poverty line. Increase human resource in the country accounts for cheap labor and less economic capacity.

According to world bank, poverty rate in Pakistan has increased to 37pc in 2023. Therefore, population growth affects economic ability of the Pakistanis.

### iii. Uneducation:

Due to less economic support, most children are devoid of education. Increase number of children are either do not have

access to education or drop out at early age. Recent States shows almost 25 million children are out-of-school between the age of 5-16 years in Pakistan. The huge rate drop-out rate and uneducation accounts for economic dent in Pakistan.

## MEASURES TO CONTROL

### POPULATION GROWTH:

#### i. Feasible Contraceptive Measures:

Pakistan should invest in easy contraceptive facilities. Easy access to contraception such as OCPs (Oral contraceptive Pills), condoms and contraceptive devices can check population growth in the country.

#### ii. Public Awareness:

The general population should be properly educated and aware about severe consequences of population explosion. This can be done through print media, digital media and public awareness seminars.

### iii. Integration of Religious Clerics in

#### Policies:

The Government of Pakistan should cooperate with religious scholars of Pakistan to avoid misrepresentation and misinformation of religious believers. The proper education and integrated approach to check population will help the country to counter this challenge.

### iv. Narrowing Gender Gap:

By increasing opportunities for females and providing early access to female education and employment will result in narrow gender gap.

Recent states rank Pakistan 142 out of 146 countries in Global Gender Gap (World Economic Forum, 2023). Therefore, by reducing ~~gap~~ gender gap, families will avoid giving preferences to male child and ultimately account to reducing population growth.

# POPULATION GROWTH

CAUSES	SOCIAL EFFECTS	ECONOMIC EFFECTS	SOLUTION
→ Poor family Planning	→ Climate Issues	→ Unemployment	→ Contraception
→ Uneducation		→ Poverty	→ Public Awareness
→ Religious Concerns	→ Water Crisis	→ Uneducation	→ Religious Inclusion
→ Gender Issues	→ Gender disparity		→ Narrowing Gender Gap
→ Poor State Intervention	Increase MMR		

## CONCLUSION:

Pakistan is facing huge population concerns due to increase growth. However, proper institutional intervention within moral boundaries and respect of individual's right by providing easy access to contraception, public awareness and religious integration can halt the risks of population explosion.



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# QUESTION # 07

## INTRODUCTION:

Pakistan faces severe constitutional crisis due to poor political governance in recent years. Pakistan is a democratic state, but eroded democratic values within political parties manifest the harm on constitution. Influencing democracy for political gains severely hampers the superiority of constitution in the country. Furthermore, political witch-hunt and intolerance to conflicting ideas on constitutional basis huge setback for the country. However, addressing the the independence of state institutions and upholding real democratic principles will strengthen constitution and weaken political mess in the country.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS AS MANIFESTATION OF POOR POLITICAL GOVERNANCE.

### i. Eroded Democratic Values:

Political parties do not uphold real democratic fundamentals. They maneuver politics for personal gains and benefits. Recent ouster of democratically elected party "PTI" showed political parties overlook the will of people, which is clearly against the constitution.

### ii. Attempts to legalize Corruption:

Corrupt Politicians try to manipulate legislature by amending the constitution. The amendment will legalize their poor governing performance and help in their escape for accountability. Recent amendment in NAB Bill 2023 changed the minimum threshold for accountability of corrupt leader upto Rs 500 million. This indicates that manipulation of legislature to legalize corruption severely hampers merit of constitution.

(iii) legal Witch-hunt of Adversaries:

Political Parties file cases against their adversaries repeatedly. The ~~unabated~~ huge political cases severely affect the urgent need of justice in Pakistan. Amid the witch-hunt of politicians, there has been a major backlog of legal proceeding. As of September 2023, almost 56,000 cases are pending in the highest court of Pakistan. Therefore, legal witch-hunt of politicians affects ~~the~~ constitution.



iv, Judicial Maneuvering by Politicians:

Political Parties in recent years have been altering judicial procedures for their benefits. Recent introduction of Chief Justice Practice and Procedures Act 2023 indicates unabated check on judiciary by representatives. Furthermore, politicians influence judicial holders for their favors which severely results in constitutional crisis.

## MEASURES TO COUNTER CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS:

### i. Upholding Real Democracy:

In order to avoid constitutional crisis, politicians should stick to democratic morals and values. They should uphold merit and accept the electoral results without any conflicts. This will create harmony and avoid constitutional crisis.

### ii. Strengthening Political Ties:

Political parties should tolerate each other opinions and chance peaceful talks. Means to resolve conflicts and resentments through democratic means will uphold constitution in the country.

Charter of Democracy 2007 illustrates that upholding of democratic means and peaceful talks would harbour real democracy.

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### iii. Judicial Independence:

Political parties should avoid interfering in judiciary and strengthen tripartite institutions of Pakistan. Avoiding Judicial interference by Pakistani government will uphold constitution and justice.

### iv. Upholding Constitution:

Constitutional crisis in the Pakistan is clear manifestation of poor adherence to constitution.

Political parties avoid accept the result of elections repeatedly.

Furthermore, recently constitutional orders were thrown in a trash, when elections in Punjab and KPK were not held within 90 days after dissolution of Assemblies.

### v. Political Tolerance:

In order to hold constitution in the country, political parties should tolerate each other manifestos and leverage communication gap among parties. This will avoid further constitutional crisis.

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# Reasons to Constitutional Crisis.

ERODED DEMOCRATIC VALUES

ATTEMPTS TO LEGISLATE CORRUPTION

POLITICAL WITH-HUNT

JUDICIAL MANEUVERING

UPHOLDING REAL DEMOCRACY

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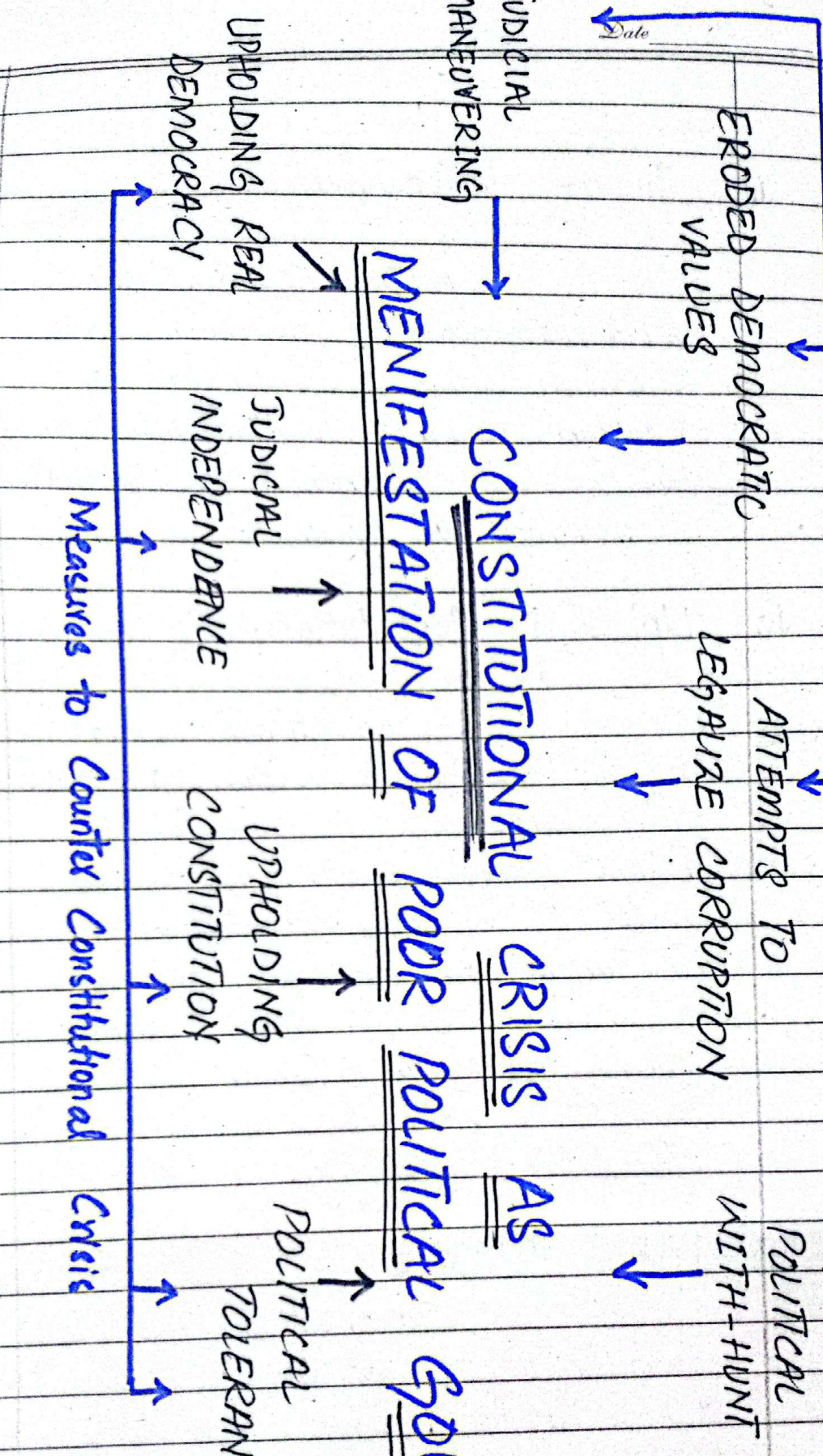
JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

UPHOLDING CONSTITUTION

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

Measures to Counter Constitutional Crisis

## GOVERNANCE



## CONCLUSION:

In a nutshell, poor political performance results in severe constitutional crisis which is illustrated by regular intervention in judiciary and amendments to legislature. However, a proper balance between bipartite institutions and political tolerance could avoid constitutional crisis among political parties of Pakistan.



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# QUESTION # 08

## ANSWER

### INTRODUCTION:

China has appointed Ambassador named "Zhao Xing" and became the first country to initiate diplomatic ties with Afghanistan. Despite its resistance to consider Taliban Regime as an sovereign authority of Afghanistan, China is near to fully cooperate Afghan Government at International forums. This step is seen as with skepticism and an urge of China to have regional dominancy. China is trying to make its position in multipolar world and this step signifies transition of China from geoeconomics to geopolitical domains. It will affect regional stability, power dynamics and Chinese superiority in Southern hemisphere.



## REASONS TO APPOINT AMBASSADOR BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR AFGHANISTAN:

### (a) Diplomatic Ties:

The long-lasting war in Afghanistan destabilized diplomatic ties within the region. Chinese has appointed Afghan ambassador to reestablish diplomatic ties for regional stability.

### (b) Hold of Resources:

Afghanistan is blessed with huge natural Resources. Shift to green energy influences Chinese policy to acquire minerals such as lithium, cobalt and nickel from Afghan soil. Chinese influence in Afghanistan will strengthen its hold in the region.

### (c) Security Concerns:

After the withdrawal of United States from Afghanistan, strong allegiance of various military

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groups to Afghan Taliban harbours  
sanctuary from militant groups  
such as Tehrik-e-Taliban, Islamic  
Khurasan Group and many more.  
The rise of terrorism and militancy  
in the region threatens Chinese  
Security and Economy.

#### (d) Economic Concerns:

The belt and Road  
Initiative (BRI project) of Chinese  
government connect south east Asia  
to Europe linking through middle-  
east. Afghanistan diplomacy is of  
keen importance for the progress  
of BRI project and peaceful  
relations between both countries  
will attract more economic  
growth.

#### (e) Political Influence:

Withdrawal of US  
from Afghanistan marked an end  
to US dominance in Afghanistan.  
China wants to fill the vacuum  
and provide great opportunity  
for Afghanistan to rejuvenate  
economic stability.

## IMPLICATIONS OF CHINA'S INFLUENCE IN AFGHANISTAN.

### a) Change of Power Dynamics:

Western countries are still hesitant to engage with Afghanistan, while China has initiated diplomatic ties with Afghan Government. This creates power dyn. imbalances within South Asia by increasing its influence in Southern hemisphere.

### b) Regional Stability:

Chinese influence in Afghanistan within political, economic and social domains will pave path for region stability. Recent talks between Afghan Taliban and Pakistan mediated by China demonstrates increase influence of China on Afghanistan to maintain peace within the region.

## (c) Eroding Position of US:

Chinese influence in South Asia demonstrates challenge to US hegemony. The deviation of Asian states to tie diplomatic relations with China instead of US erodes its superiority. Recent rapprochement between KSA and Iran is another victory of China to further erode position of US in middle-East.

## (d) Transition of China from Geoeconomics to Geopolitics:

The major participation of China in international politics signifies the transition to Geopolitical domain. Chinese Government have led increase focus to mend diplomatic ties with its neighbouring countries to emerge as powerful state and position as Global power. Its efficiency in economy is considered a major blow to western economies. However, political emergence of China can further risk western superiority.

CHINESE INFLUENCE  
IN AFGHANISTAN

CAUSES

- Diplomatic ties
- Hold of Resources
- Security Concerns
- Economic Concerns
- Political Influence

IMPLICATIONS

- Change of Power Dynamics
- Regional Stability
- Eroding Position of US
- Transition of China as Global Political Power

## CONCLUSION:

The appointment of Chinese ambassador to Afghanistan demonstrates economic, political and strategic gains of China in Afghanistan. This initiative implies various international domains such as political arena, regional stability, end to US hegemony and shift of China from geoeconomic to Geopolitical field.

